

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Then the eyes of both
were opened, and they knew
that they were naked ...”*

- Genesis 3:7

February 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black History Month

Lenten Landscapes:

From Death Valleys to Green Pastures

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Up to the Mountain (MLK Song)" (*Patty Griffin*)

Welcome & Announcements

• Visiting with us?

- We're glad you're here! We strive to make our worship space—in-person and virtual—as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.

• Congregational giving (*rounded*)

- Feb 9-15: \$1,379 / weekly budget: \$1,635

• Red Basket offering through Mar 8: POWER Interfaith

- allmeansall.org/racial-economic-justice
- allmeansall.org/donate

• Lenten Prayer Chain: allmeansall.org/lent

• Congregational feedback survey

- tinyurl.com/calvary-feedback

• Previous sermons: allmeansall.org/sermons

• Previous bulletins: allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Feb 22

- **2:30-5 pm:** People's Hearing – Community-Based, Affordable, Clean Electricity (*POWER Interfaith*)
 - Rodeph Shalom / 615 N. Broad St
 - powerinterfaith.org/calendar
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*weekly, through Mar 29*)
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Feb 23

- **6:15-7:15 pm:** Yoga (weekly)
 - Chapel – 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/yoga
- **7 pm:** Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, Feb 24, 6 pm: Midweek Prayer (weekly)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Wednesday, Feb 25

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)
 - see Feb 23 for details
- **12 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice (weekly / New Sanctuary Movement)
 - Philadelphia ICE Office / 114 N 8th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to get involved with Calvary's NSM Team

Thursday, Feb 26, 7-8ish pm: Norris Celebration

- Chapel – 48th St entrance

Saturday, Feb 28, 5-8 pm: Calvary Karaoke

- Fellowship Hall (downstairs) – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/karaoke

Sunday, Mar 1, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (Communion / 2nd Sunday in Lent)

Wednesday, Mar 4, 7-8ish pm: Spirituality on Tap (monthly – 1st Wednesdays)

- Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Sunday, Mar 8

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (3rd Sunday in Lent)
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck
 - allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck

Sunday, Mar 15, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (4th Sunday in Lent)

- guest preacher: Cara Blouin

Thursday, Mar 19

- **7 pm:** POWER Interfaith West/Southwest Cluster
(monthly - 3rd Thursdays)
 - contact Mimi for details, or to get involved with Calvary's POWER Team: rmijima@gmail.com
- **7-8:30 pm:** Grief Support Group (monthly)
 - allmeansall.org/grief-support-group

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "Shepherd Me, O God" (TFWS #2058, Marty Haugen)

Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears,
from death into life.

Burying Our Alleluias

Call to Worship (unknown – adapted)

One: Jesus went to the mountain to pray.

ALL: Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

One: Jesus went to the city to heal.

ALL: Jesus went to foreign lands to extend love.

One: Jesus went to people's homes to celebrate.

ALL: Jesus went to centers of power to disrupt.

One: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

ALL: but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

One: There was nowhere Jesus could go that God did not go with him.

ALL: And so we follow Jesus into the wilderness, through the landscapes of Lent,

One: trusting that there is nowhere we can go that God does not go with us.

ALL: Let us gather, then, to worship the One who is with us even now on the journey.

Opening Song: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (UMH #519 /
tune: J. Rosamond Johnson / lyrics: James Weldon Johnson)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Christian Aid Monthly Prayers – adapted)*

God of revelation, unveil your kingdom in our midst. Show us who we truly are in you: expose the illusions that distort our vision, deliver us from temptations that contort our living, open our eyes in this time of trial—that resistance may be the secret of our joy, and our joy a sign of your shalom. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Peace in the Valley" *(Thomas A. Dorsey)*

I'm tired and weary but I must go along
Till the Lord comes to call me away, oh Lord
Well, the morning is bright and the Lamb is the light
And the night is as fair as the day

*Oh, there will be peace in the valley for me, for me
There will be peace in the valley for me, I pray
No more sorrow, no sadness
No more trouble there'll be
There will be peace in the valley for me, for me*

Well, the bear will be gentle, the wolf will be tame
And the lion shall lay down with the lamb, oh yes
And the host from the wild will be led by a child
I'll be changed from this creature that I am

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the HOLY ONE had made. The serpent said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" **4** But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, **5** for God knows that when you eat of it your

eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Sung Response: "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan – adapted*)

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, (God), help me to hear.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. **2** He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'God will command God's angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" **7** Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Holy One your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, **9** and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "Away

with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Holy One your God, and serve only God.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

One: The word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response: "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan – adapted*)

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, (God), help me to hear.

Open my heart, (God), help me to love like you.
Open my heart, (God), help me to love.

Sermon: "Naked and Unafraid"

Song: "When We are Tested" (*tune: UMH #451, trad. Irish melody / lyrics: Ruth Duck – adapted*)

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we (are struggling) and (search) through the night,
(cast off our fear with the love of your light).
(Creator), surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

SHARING

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*"Each of you must give as
you have made up your mind,
not regretfully or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver."*

- 2 Corinthians 9:7



Prayers of the People

"Thanks be to God" / "God hears our prayer"

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #473, Samuel Sebastian Wesley / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hear, O God. Hear the prayers we bring to you.
Come, and renew all of our days.
Hold every longing; hold every sorrow;
hold every joy and praise that we bring.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "Guide My Feet" (*TFWS #2208, African American spiritual*)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me ...

I'm your child ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Pool of Love" (*Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle*)

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star

May our love bless everyone

Postlude: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (*anonymous*)

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